

2004 Winter Weather Related Fatalities

In 2004, there were 28 winter weather deaths, matching 2003. This number is down from the 10-year average of 44. Pennsylvania logged the highest death toll with 6, followed closely by Virginia with 5. The most hazardous place to be in the winter of 2004 was in a vehicle, which accounted for 20 (71%) of the winter weather victims, followed by outside with 6 (21%). Unlike 2003 when seniors were the hardest hit age group, in 2004 victims were more likely to be in the 20-29 age range, which counted 14 deaths. There were again no ice related deaths in 2003 but avalanches accounted for 12 fatalities, up from 9 in 2003.

2004 WINTER STORM FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AK	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
CA	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
CO	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ID	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
IL	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
IN	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
KS	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
MD	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
MT	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NE	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
PA	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
SC	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
VA	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
VT	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	1	0	0	6	1	20	28
PERCENT	4	0	0	21	4	71	100

2004 WINTER STORM FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	1	0	0	1	4
10 TO 19	2	1	0	3	11
20 TO 29	1	3	0	4	14
30 TO 39	1	2	0	3	11
40 TO 49	1	3	0	4	14
50 TO 59	0	3	0	3	11
60 TO 69	0	2	0	2	7
70 TO 79	0	0	0	0	0
80 TO 89	0	0	0	0	0
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	1	1	6	8	29
TOTAL	7	15	6	28	101*
PERCENT	25	54	21	100	

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

LS - Long-Span Roof
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle